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SUBJECT: LISTIN DIARIO COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. NOTEWORTHY EDITORIAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS JUNE 10 LISTIN DIARIO,  
PRESTIGIOUS SANTO DOMINGO DAILY, FOLLOWS IN TRANSLATION: QUOTE  
THE IDEA THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH ITS ORGANS HAD BEEN GAINING  
ASCENDANCY EVEN BEFORE THE COMING OF JIMMY CARTER TO THE  
PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS ONE OF THOSE IDEAS  
WHOSE TIME HAS COME. THE PROBLEM IS THAT WHEN HUMAN RIGHTS  
BECOMES PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLICY OF A GREAT NATION,  
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS MAY COME INTO PLAY ACCOMPANYING OR  
DISTORTING THE APPLICATION OR THE DEFENSE OF THOSE RIGHTS.  
WHEN THE U.S. PROCLAIMED ITSELF CHAMPION OF THE DEFENSE OF  
THE FREE WORLD AGAINST SOVIET PENETRATION, IT FOUND THAT IT  
HAD AS ALLIES IN DEFENSE OF THAT FREE WORLD DICTATORS AND  
DESPOTS OF VERY BAD REPUTE, BUT WHO JUSTIFIED THEIR  
ATROCITIES IN THE NAME OF THE DEFENSE AGAINST COMMUNIST  
SUBVERSION. NOW THERE IS THE DANGER THAT FRANKLY DESPOTIC  
DICTATORIAL GOVERNMENTS WHICH CALL THEMSELVES  
LIBERATIONIST EXPONENTS OF THE THIRD WORLD BECOME  
CONSIDERED CHAMPIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY  
DECLARE THEMSELVES LEFTIST AND COMBAT CHILE, SOUTH AFRICA,  
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RHODESIA, AND ISRAEL. IT IS LUCKY THAT THERE EXISTS  
AN IDI AMIN AGAINST WHOM WE CAN ALL DECLARE OUR  
SOLIDARITY, DEMANDING UNIVERSAL IMPARTIALITY IN DEFENSE  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT THE PROBLEM EXISTS THAT IN A WORLD  
IN WHICH THE MAJORITY OF GOVERNMENTS TRAMPLE ON HUMAN  
RIGHTS, THE DENUNCIATION OF THESE VIOLATIONS IS ORGANIZED  
ACCORDING TO CONSIDERATIONS OF PRAGMATIC POLITICS. THE

TERM THIRD WORLD CAN BE A REFUGE OF IMMUNITY FOR LIBERATIONIST  
DESPOTS THE SAME AS 20 OR MORE YEARS AGO THE TERM FREE  
WORLD WAS A REFUGE FOR THE IMMUNITY OF DESPOTS WHO PROCLAIMED  
THEMSELVES DEFENDERS OF THE VALUES OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION.  
END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: LISTIN'S EDITORIAL REFLECTS GROWING FEELING HERE  
THAT SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH MERITS SUPPORT, SHOULD BE  
APPLIED EVEN-HANDEDLY AND NOT BE ALLOWED TO BECOME A POLITICAL  
TOOL TO BE USED BY ONE GROUP OF STATES AGAINST ANOTHER.

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